

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to substantive examination, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims 23-26 were cancelled.

**REMARKS**

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-9 and 22 are under consideration.

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in a condition for allowance. Applicants make this amendment for the sole purpose of expediting prosecution and for clarity, and not in response to any ground or reason for patentability in response to an action in this or related cases. An early action on the merits is respectfully requested. The undersigned can be reached at 408-746-4536 if the Examiner wishes to discuss the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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